

Art Unit: 1794

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Curbelo on 11/25/2008.

### **2. Reasons for Examiner's Amendment**

In the Abstract, the paragraph number has been deleted.

In the Specification, the Related Application information has been updated with the relevant U.S. Patent Nos.

Art Unit: 1794

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 47 has been cancelled.

In claim 48,

line 1, after "claim", "47" has been change to --11--.

In the Abstract,

line 1, "[0119]" has been deleted.

In the Amendment to the Specification filed 8/6/2007,

the inserted paragraph has been replaced in its entirety by the following:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/310,295, filed December 5, 2002, U.S. Patent No. 6,689,474, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/908,396, filed July 18, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 6,610,409, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/368,706, filed August 5, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 6,303,507, which claims the benefits of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/134,692, filed May 18, 1999.--

Art Unit: 1794

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a multilayer laminate comprising an resorcinol arylate polyester outer layer, a middle thermoplastic polymer layer, and a inner layer comprising a blend of a carbonate polymer and an acrylonitrile-styrene graft copolymer, said graft copolymer(s) comprising at least one of the recited ASA and/or ABS grafted copolymers, wherein the middle layer lies between and directly contacts the inner and outer layers, in view of the established effective filing date of 08/05/1999 for claims 11, 23, 29, and 48. STEWART (US 5,185,116) fails to disclose multilayer laminates with the recited inner blend layer; IDEL ET AL (US 4,381,359) and FUJIMORI ET AL (US 4,438,229) and SAKANO ET AL (US 4,444,950) and SAKANO ET AL (US 4,490,506) and SERINI ET AL (US 4,564,654) and LAUGHNER (US 5,369,154) and JP 50-046764 and EP 326979 and EP 244857 fail to disclose multilayer structures containing resorcinol arylate polyester layers.

The provisional double patenting rejection based on Application No. 10/895,522 has been withdrawn, the present application being the earlier filed application and no other grounds of rejection remain pending.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Art Unit: 1794

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

The General Information telephone number for Technology Center 1700 is (571) 272-1700.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

November 25, 2008

/Vivian Chen/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794